

## Mission: Impossible? Not at DDCT

By Danny Kolb, DDCT

**THE MISSION:** To respond to the Receiving Division's strain caused by sharply increased workload generated by support requirements from Operation Iraqi Freedom



*DDCT's busy Receiving Division.*

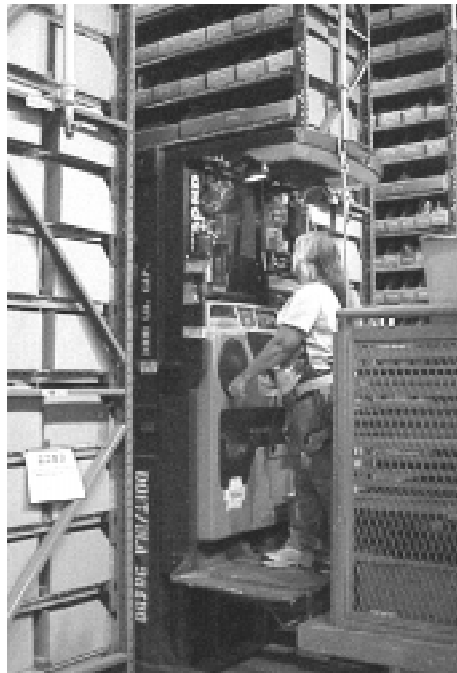
and the War on Terrorism along with a simultaneous reduction in labor resources.

**THE SOLUTION:** Call in the experts. Since June, DDCT's "swing" shift, a team comprised of Edward Pettijohn, Louis Alvarado, Jon Rogers, Anthony Gomez, Barbara Mircovich and Julian Favela, has made processing receipts their sole mission. Their efforts, along with those of the regular receiving crew, have produced outstanding results. Their work has not only resulted in a diminished receiving backlog, but it has also greatly enhanced the level of service DDCT is able to provide to the Warfighter," said DDCT Commander LTC Shelia J-McClaney, USA.

## Innovative Warehousing at DDRT Quickens Response Time

By Jessica Walter-Groft, DDC Command Affairs

In response to an ever-increasing workload, Defense Distribution Depot Red River, TX (DDRT) transformed a portion of their operation into a Distribution Operations Center (DOC). The DOC has six sections that are uniquely stocked to



*Materials Handler Linda Oller locates items in DDRT's Distribution Operations Center.*

allow DDRT personnel to quickly access materiel frequently requested by the customer.

"The DOC allows us to pool all the most active items in one location, reducing the time it takes to ship an order to the customer because we're not traveling to outlying warehouses to collect items to fill the order," said DDRT Commander LTC Hugh Talley, USA.

The first area is stocked with bulk items while the second is a Walk and Pick section that is stocked with bins of small items that can be picked and packed by one employee. The third area carries a wide variety of small and medium sized items, and the fourth stores the fast-moving bulk items. The fifth area stores moderate sized items while the sixth is a pallet rack storage location.

"This warehouse staff has been recognized for their quick response to the Warfighters, and they take great pride in the service they provide," said James Keeton, Materials Handler Supervisor and Chief of DDRT's Distribution Operations division.

## DDJC Box Shop Builds One-of-a- Kind Containers

By Doug Imberi, DDJC Public Affairs

The Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC) Box Shop received a call from the Consolidation Containerization Point (CCP) asking for immediate assistance in blocking and bracing a "Hot Shipment" of an oversized O-ring, catapult cylinder sealing strip costing \$38,985.



*Above is a cable assembly for an aircraft carrier's catapult system and the Box Shop personnel who built the AFrame needed to get it shipped. From left to right are Ron Fowler, Sinclair Washington and Ted Connary.*

Wood worker Ron Fowler determined the best possible solution and proceeded to build an A-frame. He determined that dimensions, 15 feet by 15 feet, and built the skid and support frame at the shop. His blocker and bracer co-workers, Ted Connary and Sinclair Washington, then placed the material on the frame where they blocked and banded it securely to the pallet base. They were given three days, but they completed the shipment in one.

## DDHU Forms Safety Council

By Leland Shumway, DDHU

Col Tyrone Stephens, USAF, Commander of Defense Depot Hill, UT (DDHU), formed the Commander's Joint Safety Council in August 2004, a committee jointly formed

with members of EG&G technologies, civilian contractor of the DLA shipping, receiving, and warehousing on site, and government employees of the Stock Maintenance Division who assemble, build, and ship mobile military hospitals for active duty components of the Armed Forces.

The council advises the Commander on matters of safety, passes on safety information to the work areas from management and conducts self inspection of industrial areas, suggesting methods of enhancing safety awareness.

The DDHU Commander's Joint Safety Council Chairperson is Col Stephens. Jennifer Needham is the EG&G Technologies liaison. Patsy Murphy, Tom Finn and Leland Shumway represent their respective sections in the DoD side of the house.

Council Members assist supervisors in their areas conducting monthly safety meetings. Members make safety checks of each other's areas to make sure any "overlooked hazard" that folks see every

day is dealt with. A warehouseman from outside may notice a problem in an office or workshop that would be ignored by the regular workers. This council intends to enhance safety by minimizing complacency and catching problems before they surface.



*Members of the Commander's Joint Safety Council.*

*Back row: Leland Shumway, DDHU Commander Col Tyrone R. Stephens, USAF, and Tom Finn. Front row: Pat Murphy and Jennifer Needham.*

